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SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...putting this together. I'll take full credit; I'll take full blame. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. First of all, I would just like to say thanks to Senator Erdman for bringing this amendment forward. I think it does open our eyes as to what his ideas are on it. And it gives us a chance to discuss it, and gives people a chance to think a little bit more in depth of the different programs. But one of the main concerns that I have with that is in the portion of the jail reimbursements to the county. And I would echo the comments from Senator Beutler before. Because those, when they are not coming from the state for jail reimbursements that have been promised for the counties and the local subdivisions, the only method to replenish those funds comes back to the property owners. And counties will have to raise the property tax to take care of this shortfall. In my local county of Platte County, the reimbursement that has been received in the past has been in excess of \$100,000 a year. So those \$100,000, which does vary from year to year depending upon the amount of inmates that we have, those dollars will have to be generated someplace. And there is only one place that they'll be able to generate those dollars, and that is from property taxes. Because that is the only method of raising money for this fund. So I have a real concern that we're just shifting it. We're shifting it back to property owners. It almost gets to the point where it's a penalty to own property. And I'm very concerned about this. But you know, I'm willing to listen. And I think this amendment, you know, does bring some of the issues forward. But I'm very, very much concerned about the shift that will be done in this if this is passed. So I...like I said, I'm very much concerned, willing to listen, and I would turn the balance of my time over to Senator Erdman, if he wants it.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Erdman,